

BY: Senator GRIFFO

HONORING Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the George M. Searle Memorial Award by the New York State Police Department on May 16, 2024

WHEREAS, Law enforcement officers from the State of New York put their lives on the line day in and day out for the citizens of this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, It is the custom of this Legislative Body to recognize and honor those distinguished officers who would devote themselves to public service, demonstrating great courage and diligence in providing for the care and welfare of the citizens of their communities and this great Empire State; and

WHEREAS, Within every community of the State of New York there are certain individuals who, by virtue of their commitment and dedication, deserve the respect and admiration of their community for their exemplary contributions and service on behalf of others; Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain of Cazenovia, New York, is one such individual; and

WHEREAS, This Legislative Body is justly proud to honor Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the George M. Searle Memorial Award by the New York State Police Department, to be celebrated at its 48th Annual Superintendent's Commendation and Awards Day Ceremony on Thursday, May 16, 2024, at the University at the State Police Academy in Albany, New York; and

WHEREAS, This prestigious award was established to honor the late Deputy Superintendent George M. Searle, and it is presented to individuals who have distinguished themselves in training and education; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain entered the State Police Academy on June 10, 2013; and

WHEREAS, On October 15, 2023, State Police Cazenovia Academy welcomed 286 recruits into its 214th Class, marking only the second time in the agency's history a training took place at an auxiliary academy; as a vital member of the officer team, Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain's role in transitioning Cazenovia College into a State Police Basic Training Program was indispensable; and

WHEREAS, Despite a challenging time frame, Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain effectively managed numerous tasks, including personnel selection, building maintenance, coordination with property management, facility cleaning, internet and phone system installation, school/community outreach, as well as policy development, all within 55 working days; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain's creative input was invaluable as he transformed the campus into a State Police facility adorned with memorabilia reflecting the rich history of the New York State Police, and memorializing its fallen members; and

WHEREAS, Furthermore, his energy, positive attitude, interpersonal skills, and problem-solving abilities played a crucial role in the success of this event, and reflect the finest traditions of the New York State Police; and

WHEREAS, The dedicated efforts of public servants, such as Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain, who unselfishly devote their lives to the preservation of order and the protection of others are worthy of the full praise of this Legislative Body and the people of the State of New York; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That this Legislative Body pause in its deliberations to honor Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain upon the occasion of his designation as recipient of the George M. Searle Memorial Award by the New York State Police; and be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution, suitably engrossed, be transmitted to Lieutenant Steven P. Fountain.